(*b*) There was only one such recruitment. Mr. K. Gopala Pillai, B. A., B. L., now Head Accountant, Kunnattur taluk, was appointed direct from the Bar in 1098.

Alleged trespass by Mr. M. M. Abraham into the Municipal Office, Kottayam.

61. **MR. O. M. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. M. M. Abraham, one of the Revising Authorities of the Kottayam Municipal Council in 1106 M. E., was alleged to have trespassed into the Kottayam Municipal Office ;

(*b*) whether the President of the Kottayam Municipal Council wrote to Mr. Abraham demanding his explanation for the alleged trespass ;

(*c*) whether Mr. Abraham submitted any explanation ;

(*d*) if not, the further action taken by the President in the matter ; and

(*e*) the circumstances in which the alleged trespass was said to have been committed by Mr. Abraham ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*e*) A report was received by the President on the 18th Medam 1106 that the Councillor entered the office room and asked for the claim and objection papers, that he found the same in a tray and took it to the Council Hall, that a clerk objected as it was a holiday and as no previous notice had been given, and that the matter was reported to the President, who sent the gist of the report to the Councillor. The latter met the President that day and informed him that there was no trespass and the matter was then dropped.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): In the long story of the answer may I know what is the answer to part (*b*) of my question ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : For all the parts *i. e.*, from (*a*) to (*e*), we have supplied the answer which we could generally take from a report received from the Municipal President. No separate answer to that part alone can be given.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Will the member please read the answer given and say whether the President, Municipal Council, wrote or did not write to Mr. Abraham demanding his explanation ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The President says that he forwarded the report of the clerk to Mr. Abraham and Mr. Abraham explained the situation to him.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): In all fairness, I am not here concerned with what the President wrote to the Government on the question. I want a reply to part (*b*) whether the President wrote to Mr. Abraham demanding his explanation ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : All that I have got here is the report from the President which says that he got a report from the clerk about Mr. Abraham and that he forwarded the same to Mr. Abraham who explained the situation to him. There the matter ended.

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MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Am I to understand that the President did not write to Mr. Abraham demanding his explanation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member may draw his own inference.

PRESIDENT: If he is keen on getting a definite answer, the President can be written to and the information obtained.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): The member is entitled to claim notice; but he is evasive.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thomas, if you are keen on getting a definite answer to part (*b*) of the question, the information can be got from the President and supplied to you.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I submit, Sir, the President has probably said all that he could say on the point.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): It is a plain question which must be answered in a plain manner.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If anything more is necessary, I can write to the President and get the information.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know whether the member considers the reply given as sufficient?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member is asking for my opinion I must say that when I passed the answer I considered it quite sufficient.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know whether the meeting of the Revising Authorities on that particular day was notified at the Municipal Office for the year 1106?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have no information. I claim notice.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Then, how is it that in the reply it is stated that the clerk had no notice?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That passage in the reply does not refer to any notice about the meeting of Revising Authorities.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Was the clerk aware of the fact that a meeting of the Revising Authorities was arranged on that day?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not find anything about the meeting of Revising Authorities in the report of the President. The reply says that the clerk had no notice. So far as I can understand that means that the clerk had no notice that Mr. Abraham would make such a demand for papers on that day.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): As a member of the Revising Authorities, had he the right to enter the Municipal Office?

MR. C. O MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Whether he had the right or not may be seen from the Municipal Regulation and the Rules thereunder.

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MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) I wish to know whether the President has furnished any information on that point?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No report on that point was called for from the President and he has not supplied any.

Waiting list in the Land Revenue Department.

62. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they keep a list of persons who have acted in the Land Revenue Department; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether appointments are made according to that list?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Yes.

Sinking of wells in the Akarakettu village, Shencotta.

62. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Are the Government aware that there is no public well in the Akarakettu village in the Shencotta taluk for the supply of drinking water to the inhabitants thereof?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): May I know whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member suggests, Government will make an enquiry into the matter. The Chief Engineer says that no representation has been made either to him or to the Executive Engineer.

Opening of a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal via Tadikad.

63. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of opening a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal through Tadikad; and

(*b*) the action taken so far (29-11-1931) in the matter?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been received from the Chief Engineer but the work has been ordered to lie over for want of funds.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know for how long the question has been under the consideration of Government.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): From 1914.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Am I to understand that the work was ordered to lie over for want of funds all this time?

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